



Storrington, Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan



Steering Group Minutes The Chanctonbury Room, Parish Hall Thakeham Road, Storrington 6.30pm Tuesday 27th October 2015

Minutes

Present: Storrington & Sullington Parish Councillors - Anna Worthington-Leese (Chairman of the Steering Group), Lisa Wheatley and Richard Jerman. Washington Parish Councillors - Lesley Britt and Christine Beglan. Also present were Marcel Hoad, David Horwood, Madeleine Shaw, and Pegi Shove.

Members of the public present - 9

Tracey Euesden (Clerk to Storrington & Sullington Parish Council)

The meeting opened at 18.30

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145. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and accepted from Patrick Heeley and Geoff Tute.

146. To Receive and approve the minutes from the following meetings:

The minutes of the Steering Group Meeting on 21st July 2015 were agreed as being a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

147. To discuss representations from Chichester Diocese regarding the Glebe Field.

The Steering Group were provided with copies of a letter sent on behalf of the Chichester Diocese in response to HDC's consultation. It was noted that as with previous representations, this letter was received after the consultation period had ended and had therefore not been included in the initial feedback received from HDC. This representation objects to the inclusion of the Glebe field as a local green space and suggests that the site should be allocated in the plan as suitable to provide a multiple use development to include housing and enhanced medical facilities. The Glebe Field had not been submitted as a possible site for development during the "Call for Sites" process and had therefore not been assessed against the criteria used at that time. This assessment process for this site had since been undertaken and the result was that the Glebe Field did not meet the acceptable maximum score for inclusion in the Plan and would have been discounted in any case. It was therefore **AGREED**.

That the Glebe Field would remain on the Local Green Spaces list and the site would not be allocated for development.

148. To discuss results of Horsham District Council's Regulation 15 Consultation and to agree any amendments to the Plan prior to submission for examination. The Steering Group had been provided with copies of HDC's report following the conclusion of the Regulation 15 same here? Consultation (appendix 1) and the content was discussed. It was noted that many of the issues raised during the Regulation 14 ?? consultation had been addressed and a few minor amendments to grammar and map references had been suggested. HDC had recommended some changes to the supporting text in some areas under policies 2, 4 & 14 and these recommendations were **AGREED.**

As in previous representations made by HDC, this latest report recommended the removal of policy 3 relating to the management of housing supply and members were advised that this would likely be deleted at the examination stage. The Steering Group felt that the particular issues faced by the parishes with regard to traffic, air quality and infrastructure (including medical facilities) justified the inclusion of the policy and it was therefore **AGREED.**

That Policy 3 should remain pending the outcome of the independent examination.

Members of the Public enquired about Policy 2 (iv) Land off Amberley Road and requested confirmation that the condition stating access should be from Amberley Road would remain in the Plan. A short discussion took place regarding this site and it was confirmed that the condition would remain in the Submission Plan.

Mrs Worthington-Leese Proposed and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

That subject to the agreed amendments, the Storrington & Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan and Supporting Documents should be submitted to each Parish Council for approval and then submitted for independent examination via Horsham District Council.

149. Next Steps and any other business.

A discussion took place regarding the need for improved GP services and it was noted that the Plan was in total support of a Community facility including a medical centre. The Chichester Diocese had indicated that it might be willing to allocate some part of the Glebe for this purpose as part of a planning application for housing. However, the Group considered the provision of medical facilities to be a separate issue from the question of housing on the Glebe. The Diocese so far had declined to lift a covenant on the existing surgery which in effect, prevented them from moving premises and this was considered the main obstacle to the GPs' plans for the future. Whilst Storrington & Sullington Parish Council, along with Horsham District Council were in discussions with the GPs and the Diocese about how this matter could be resolved, it was generally agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan could not influence the outcome of the issue with the covenant.

The amended submission Plan will be presented to the Parish Councils at their next meetings for agreement that it be submitted for independent examination. The Steering Group would be presented with a small selection of possible examiners and members will be asked to nominate their preferred choice by email with the candidate receiving the most votes being chosen. Unless any urgent business arises in the meantime, the Steering Group would meet again upon receipt of the examiner's findings.

The meeting closed at 7:40 pm

Signed. Date

Chairman